



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together



Friday 24^h October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We began this week with a focus on Online safety. We invited Digital Wizards into school to share very important information. Digital wizards have been visiting our school over the past two years and were very impressed with how much the children remembered.

It is really important that we all work together to keep our young people safe and happy. Maybe over this half term you could talk to them about what they have learned.

To ensure everyone is clear, the minimum age for WhatsApp, Facebook, Tick Tock, and Snapchat is 13.

We can only describe yesterday as Terrifying Thursday as lots of horrific characters invaded our school. Yes, you're right, it was the annual FoSL Halloween Disco. The costumes were fabulous and everyone had lots of fun. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents who supported this event, as always it was a great success.

We would also like to thank our former pupils who came along to help. It was great to see you all and to have your support.

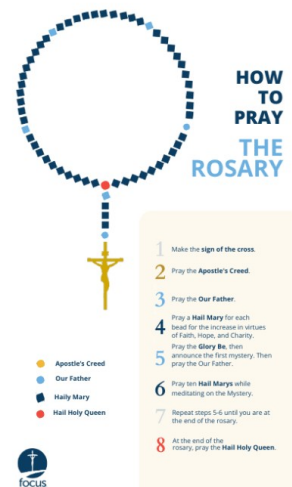
Thank you: Orla, Esme, Sophia, Ewan, Jamie and Seb.

We return to school on Tuesday 4th November. Parents evenings are on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th. Please ensure you book an appointment.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable half term, hope you all stay safe.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh



Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **95.51%**

Across the school, **200 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed



Lower than 90% attendance

Class 2

90-95% Attendance

Class 3

96-100% Attendance

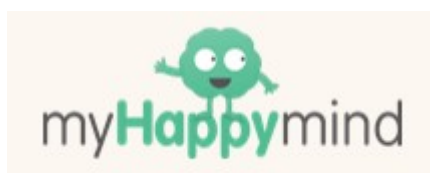
Reception, Class 1, 4, 5 & 6

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Reminder - Dental or medical appointments

If you will be taking your child for an appointment please send us an email with the booking/screen shot for our files. Thank you



As we start the new School year, we're excited to inform you of the myHappyMind Parent App. It's a brilliant way to help children keep practising their myHappyMind habits during the School year at home.

You will need the activation code 111379

To find the checklist on the Parent App, they simply:

1. Open the app
2. Click on Kids' Zone
3. Select myHappyMind Checklists
4. Choose the Holiday Checklist

St Nicholas Catholic High School Newsletter

For the latest newsletter [click here](#)

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We loved seeing our Lion Cubs this week for our Halloween Craft Party!



Little Church

Come and join us for Children's Liturgy on Saturday 1st November during 6pm mass where we will do some fun activities to explore the Gospel. This is aimed at children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

Dates for your Diary

24th October: Half Term

3rd November: Inset Day

5th November: Chester Zoo Visit Whole School

4th & 6th November: Parent's Evening

9th November: Remembrance Day Service (Parish)

11th November: Remembrance Day Service (Council)

11th November: Poetry Workshops

17th November: Maths Week

29th November: Frodsham Festival

St Luke's Lion Club event

3rd December 9:30-11:30am

Christmas craft activities

Remembrance Day

We will be selling Poppies after
half term



St Mary's Class



Frodsham Walk

St. Mary class has had a lovely time on our geography fieldtrip around Frodsham this week. We braved the weather and followed the map to Castle Park and back. We have done lots of follow up geography work as a result of this trip including tracing our route on the map, sorting what we saw into groups of people who help us, shops and leisure and we have used Purple Mash to create a graph that shows what we saw the most of.

English

This week we have been reading a new book for a "mini" unit Meesha Makes Friends. We have written lots of diary entries about how she feels and we learned about how he "made" friends (using boxes and glue, and how this helped her to make (real life) friends.

Maths

Year 1 and 2 have continued to work hard with fluency and recalling number facts, in particular with times tables and number bonds to 10. Please keep practicing these at home with their new fluency cards. Year 1 have been working with fact families to write different number sentences and year 2 have been adding 3 single digit numbers.

Science

In science we have been designing and carrying out our own investigations. Year 1 and 2 predicted which material would be best to keep penguin dry during his trip across the ocean and Reception have been exploring magnets and investigating which materials are magnetic.

We have worked extremely hard this term and it is hard to believe that this is only reception's first half term! They have settled into school life very well and we are very proud of all of St. Mary class! Have a lovely half term break.



St Elizabeth's Class



This week in Maths, Year 3 have been learning how to use column addition to add three-digit numbers. We learnt that this was the most efficient method, and the skills from this week will help us after half term when we learn how to make an exchange. In Year 4, we have been working out how to make more than one exchange with four-digit numbers. It has been challenging but we used our value of resilience to help us.

In English, we have been looking at a new book this week linked to our Black Lives Unit. The book is called 'Coming to England' written by Floella Benjamin, and it tells the story of a young Floella and her journey to England. We have investigated some model letters written in an informal style, and looked closely at some of their features. We are working towards writing our own letters imagining we are Floella.

In Science this week, we have moved on to the water cycle and we used actions to learn some of our key words: evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We also made water cycles in bags and taped them to the windows to discover what happens when condensation builds up over the week!

In History, we studied oracle bones and learnt about how people in the Shang Dynasty would use these to answer key questions. We had a go at deciphering some symbols to uncover hidden messages, and then tried writing our own!

At the start of the week, both classes took part in an Online Safety workshop. Year 3 learnt about how to create safe passwords and not to share them with other people! They also had the chance to go on the VR headsets which they thoroughly enjoyed! Year 4 were looking at 'fake news' and the ease in which people can create stories that are not true. They had good fun inventing their own fake news headlines.

In computing, we worked hard to do some online coding and create a scene where our characters and animals could move and make noises. We used a flowchart to help us determine the action our characters should make.

St Catherine's Class

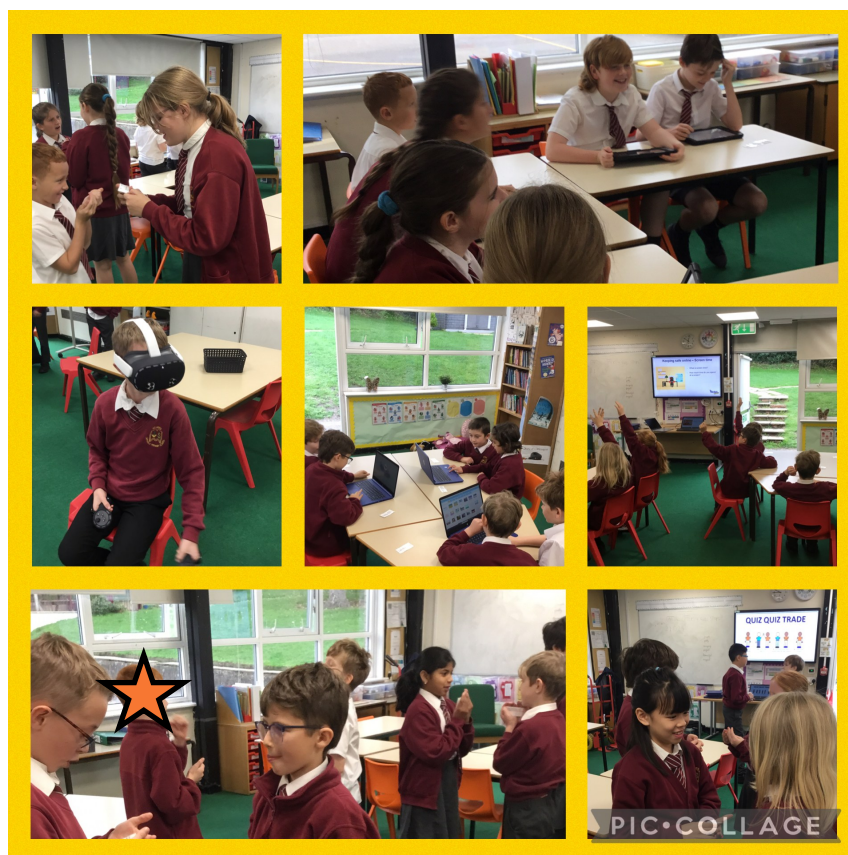


The final week before the half-term break has been another busy and exciting one! We started the week by planning our hot tasks in English. Over the past few weeks, we have been building up to this point, learning new skills and developing our writing techniques. This week, we were finally able to put everything we have learned into practice. Everyone worked hard on their hot tasks, and we are incredibly proud of the writing we have produced—using a range of grammatical features to enhance our work and make it cohesive.

In science, we have been planning an investigation to test Charles Darwin's hypothesis about natural selection. We created detailed plans that identified the different variables and carefully considered what to measure and how to ensure that the test would be fair. We are looking forward to conducting our investigations after the half-term break and discovering what our results will show.

We all really enjoyed our geography lessons this week. Year 5 pupils explored renewable energy sources, researching the benefits and drawbacks of different types of energy, while Year 6 focused on global trading routes and how goods move around the world. Both year groups demonstrated fantastic map-reading and research skills throughout their studies.

Alongside our lessons, we were fortunate to welcome a special visitor to school. Mr Strickland, from Digital Wizards, led an interactive workshop on online safety. He spoke to us about the importance of keeping personal information private, thinking carefully before sharing anything online, and knowing what to do if we ever feel unsure or uncomfortable when using the internet. It was an important reminder of how to stay safe in our increasingly digital world.



FOSL Halloween Disco



Thank you to FOSL for a wonderful Halloween Disco. Everyone got into the spirit of things.
Amazing costumes and lots of fun!

Local News

SOCCER SCHOOL OCTOBER HALF TERM

Join us this October for fun coaching, small-sided games, challenges and tournaments. Children will need kit including: boots, shin pads, a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

 AGES: 5-15  GOALS SOCCER CENTRE, WITH DROP OFF / PICK UP AT DEVA STADIUM, CH1 4LT

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SEALS SPOOKTACULAR

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Special Guest Appearance: **Rumi** from the K-POP Demon Hunters will be joining us, so get your phones ready for a selfie and sing-a-long

 AGES: U16  KING GEORGE V SPORTS HUB

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DANCE CLUB

Get ready to move, groove, and shine! Our fun-filled 7-week dance workshop is the perfect way for children to build confidence and express themselves through the joy of dance. Each session is packed with energy, encouragement, and plenty of fun. No experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm and let's dance!

 AGES: 5-11  KING GEORGE V SPORTS HUB, BLACON, CH1 5BD

**MON
16:00 - 17:00**
Start date: Monday, 16th Nov

**£5.00
PER PERSON**
Advanced booking essential, block bookings only

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Helsby Junior Rugby Club

Do you have children in Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3? Bring them to join the fun at Helsby Rugby Club!

**Training at Helsby Sports club
Sundays
10:30am - 11:30am**

Play Tag Rugby have fun and be part of a community

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